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Arkavathi in top 3 amongst 17 polluted rivers of Karnataka with high biochemical oxygen demand exceeding 30 mg/L: CPCB report

DOWN RIVER

Between Hesaraghatta and Kanakapura, BOD value at 39 mg/L

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The stretch of Arkavathi river between Hesaraghatta and Kanakapura is one of the most polluted river stretches in the country, said the latest report on polluted river stretches released by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The study has categorised the stretch under priority class I, indicating a high pollution level. Overall, as many as 46 river stretches across the country have been categorised under priority class I with Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) concentration exceeding 30 mg/L. BOD concentration value of the Arkavathi stretch was found to be 39 mg/L.

A high BOD value in a waterbody indicates a greater amount of organic matter, which mostly comes from untreated sewage being discharged directly. A large amount of organic matter causes lower oxygen levels in a waterbody as bacteria use the dissolved oxygen for decomposition.

"This implies that untreated sewage

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"Number of monitoring stations is limited considering spatial extent of waterbodies; the Vrishabhavathi is highly polluted, it is not featured in the list
—City based ecologist

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Unending road work

Vicious cycle of road digging in Hoysala Nagar

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'Greener' disposal

Multiple waste-to-CNG, biogas plants in pipeline

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Bookworms, unite

Bibliophiles, what are you reading these days? Is there a book or an author that has amazed you recently? Discuss it with like-minded people at this special club for bookworms and share the magic of some wordsmiths who not only influenced us but shaped our lives in some way.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: January 14, 4-5 pm; Register: 9886294444

02 Melodies divine

The Rajeev Raja Combine is a Jazz Fusion band based in Mumbai, led by Rajeev Raja, one of India's leading jazz and fusion flautists. The band emerges for their first live concert in a while with a brand-new repertoire of original compositions inspired by their collective influences and experiences over the past few years. Creating in their wake an organic and seamless fusion that blends elements of Blues, Rock, Funk, Latin and Indo-fusion music. **Where: Multiple venues**
When: January 18 - 21

Graduation Day Ceremony

The BMS College of Commerce and Management (BMSCCM) conducted the Graduation Day Ceremony on Jan 11 at The Chancery Pavilion. There were 227 students who graduated. The ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest Dr Lingaraja Gandhi, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru City University in presence of Dr BS Ragini Narayan, Donor Trustee, Member Secretary and Chairperson of BMS Educational Trust, Uditendu Bose, Head Consumer Sales, Teamlease Edtech Mumbai, Aviram Sharma, Chairman of the College and Trustee BMS Educational Trust and Principal of the College Dr Pankaj Choudhary. Picture: (L-R) Dr Pankaj Choudhary, Uditendu Bose, Lingaraj Gandhi, BS Ragini Narayan, Aviram Sharma, Gautham K, Dr Supriyo Guhoroy, Wg Cdr RA Raghavan.

Want to study 2 degrees together? Wait it out

Universities in Bengaluru yet to enforce mechanism that allows students to pursue two degrees simultaneously; confusion exists over policy

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In April 2022, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued guidelines for universities across India to allow students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously. Since then, the commission has urged the universities multiple times to devise a mechanism through their statutory bodies that could facilitate the same.

In Bengaluru, however, confusion continues to exist among universities as well as the students about the same.

As per the guidelines, a student can pursue two academic programmes, one in full-time physical mode and another in Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online mode; or up to two ODL/Online programmes simultaneously.

The guidelines are, however, not applicable to students pursuing PhD programmes. A student can also pursue two full-time academic programmes in the physical mode provided that in such cases, class timings for one programme do not overlap with the class timings of the other programme.

Even nine months after the UGC released the guidelines for allowing students to pursue two programmes simultaneously, there is less awareness about the same in the student community as well.

"So far, none of the students have approached the varsity and we've not planned anything yet
– Shrinivas Balli, Nrupathunga University, Bengaluru

"So far, none of the students have approached the university saying that they are interested in pursuing two programmes simultaneously. Therefore, we have not planned anything in this direction as of yet. For the guidelines to be applied, everything has to be made clear to the students. Probably it would take some time so the students are more aware and convinced about the mechanism.

Then maybe the students will come forward," said Shrinivas Balli, Founder and Vice Chancellor, Nrupathunga University, Bengaluru.

Prof Lingaraj Gandhi, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore City University, explained to Bangalore Mirror, "The UGC guidelines and advisories have to be enabled by state legislations and act. The state has to make provisions for the same before we could apply it. With respect to eligibility and several other factors, they have to be defined elaborately and notified by each university separately. The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has to help us bring the required attempts. So far, I do not think any of the universities have framed any regulations yet."

The Vice-Chancellor said that the discussion about the same is currently ongoing and universities hope to introduce the mechanism soon in the coming academic years.

The mechanism had been advised by the UGC, in par with the National Education Policy 2020 that aims for a multidiscipline approach and a holistic education across the sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and sports for a multidisciplinary world.

A Sunday to remember: Kite festival's here

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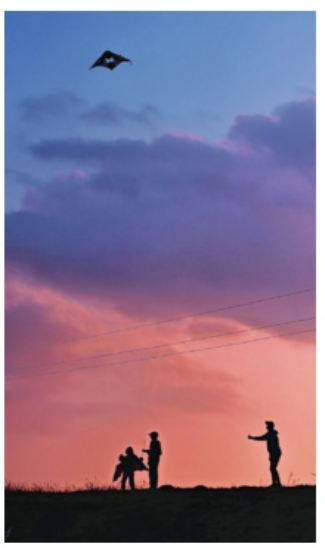
Hundreds of families from Whitefield and its surrounding areas are gearing up for a memorable Sunday as the Federation of Residents, Communities, and Enterprises in Greater Whitefield (Force-GW) is organising a kite festival on January 15 at Sumadhura Grounds on Whitefield-Hoskote Road, Kannamangala.

The families get to create memories with candid pictures and enjoy delicious food and many residents appreciated Force-GW for organising the one-of-a-kind festival in Whitefield. They welcomed the decision stating that the kite festival would be the best way to teach children about their tradition and culture.

"It is the first festival to be organised for the people of Whitefield. We have invited people residing at 55 residential apartment complexes and many have already registered to participate in the kite festival.," said Alby Jacob, a member of the sports and cultural committee of ForceGW.

Expressing a similar opinion, Vidya Rao, a resident, said the kite festival has been an integral part of Indian culture. It is the best way to teach children about culture and traditions. It is a very good way of interaction with people, she said.

"It is a festival of joy. Residents can come and participate in the kite festival. We have already around 200 pre-registered participants for the kite festival," said Sandip Nanda, another resident. The kite festival has been planned for between 8 am and 4 pm. As per the guidelines, the participants have to report to the registration desk for a hand band.



Walk-ins are welcomed at the kite festival but will be charged a nominal fee of Rs 50 per person; it is applicable only for those above 18 years. Participants have to bring their own water bottles and water is available at the venue.

Use of Chinese Manja is strictly prohibited and unused kites, thread roles and manja pieces have to be returned to the registration desk. Food and refreshments must be consumed at the food zone. Since it is a family event, alcohol, smoking, and use of foul language is strictly prohibited. ForceGW reserves the right to take appropriate action in case of any unlawful activities.

ForceGW president Lingaraj Urs said the kite festival was an opportunity for children to fly kites just the way they did when they were children.

After tragedy strikes, assurances pour in

BMRCL suspends three officials; three independent teams set up to probe incident

An under-construction pillar crushed a woman and her son to death in Nagawara on Tuesday

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A day after a woman and her two-and-a-half-year-old son died when an under-construction pillar fell on them, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has placed three officials under suspension and authorities have formed three teams to investigate.

An FIR has also been registered against eight people including two BMRCL engineers and the director of Nagarjuna Construction Company.

DCP (East) Bheemashankar S Guled said, "Based on the complaint by Lohit (the woman's husband), Govindapura police station began investigating. The Metro officials have provided the details on Wednesday and we have issued notices to those officials."

Karnataka Home Minister, Araga Jnanendra promised to give justice to the victims. "Nagarjuna Construction Company, its director Chaitanya, supervisor Lakshmipathi, and JE Prabhakar are among the eight people who were involved," he said.

> **We don't compromise on quality and there are multiple agencies to assess that**
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> –Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez added that so far, they suspended three engineers (deputy engineer, executive engineer and section engineer of that stretch) while a notice has been issued to the contractor too.

He added that they have also requested the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to investigate and submit a report. Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) will also conduct an investigation while an internal team of engineers will also conduct a parallel investigation, he said.

According to Parwez, prima facie, it looks like a technical fault. Four guy wires were tied to the pillar structure for support. However, one of the wires had snapped and as a result, the entire load shifted to the other side bringing down the structure.

He however, rejected allegations of corruption by stating that BMRCL has been in service for the last 10 years. "We don't compromise on quality and there are multiple agencies to assess the quality. For example, the contractor tests the quality of materials procured before starting the work. Then, a team of BMRCL officials will conduct the required checks as well."

Meanwhile, an IISc scientist said that the quality of work at construction sites was generally poor. "In fact, we had given lectures to BMRCL officials on how to ensure quality. We have also provided examples of mishaps elsewhere so that officials learn better."

Metro officials have decided to briefly pause the work where taller piers are being constructed. Parwez said, "We have decided to deploy officials, experts and consultants to visit the spot and provide inputs on what safety measures can be taken at those spots."

No help, only assurances

The victims' family headed to Davanagere for the last rites of Tejaswini and son Vihan. Tejaswini's father Madan alleged that no agency or official helped them so far despite assurances. " Following the incident, we were told that we will be provided all possible help. So far we have received no help. We had to pay Rs 25,000 to shift them from Bengaluru to Davangere."

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Women folks, are you suffering from constipation or urinary incontinence?

Constipation and Urinary incontinence may be a temporary situation, a long-term problem or a sign of a more serious condition if not addressed immediately. The loss of bladder control can also lead to embarrassing situations as well. In fact, cases of digestive diseases have increased due to a sedentary lifestyle. If you have any queries related to constipation or urinary incontinence among women, you can send in your questions and reputed Chief ColoRectal Surgeon of the country-Dr Parameshwara CM (MBBS, MS, FISCP, MBA-health care and Associated Professor of Surgery) from SMILES Institute of Gastroenterology will answer your queries.

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Free wheeling, cause no one's watching

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There has been a spate of incidents of bikers in the city performing wheelies and commuters are displeased. They say that because of them, the road is becoming unsafe for the other commuters as well.

The commuters say that these stunts cause unnecessary threats to life, and strict punishment should be taken against all the people who indulge in such activities.

Arvind K, a commuter who regularly uses Dr Rajkumar Road, said, "Just a few days ago, while passing by, I saw several bikes racing with each other and one of them started doing a wheelie in the middle of the road. There were a lot of other people who were on the road. Despite that, they continued with their stunts. It is very irresponsible. It will not only cost them their life but will also cause inconvenience to the other commuters."

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Rashmi Khaitan, another commuter, added that these incidents had become very common on the streets. There are designated spaces for carrying out such stunts. The public road is not the correct place for doing this as it can result in major accidents. These activities should not be encouraged at all.

The commuters who witnessed these stunts also said that the people do not wear any helmets which increases their chances of getting injured.

Rohit Kumar, another commuter, witnessed a similar incident at the stretch between Magadi Road and Nagarbhavi. It was a busy road and suddenly, in the middle of the road, the guys started doing a wheelie on their Scooty. They did not even have a number plate on their vehicle. Right next to them was another two-wheeler which had three people and none of them were wearing helmets."

Shruti Nair, another commuter, said, "I have seen people doing stunts and bike races in the front of my house in Dasarahalli. It is an empty lane and all the bikers do all kinds of stunts here. Not only is it unsafe, but it also causes a lot of unwanted noise. This has become an inconvenience for all the people staying here. Despite telling them repeatedly to stop it, they paid no heed."

CRIME FILES

Depressed, law student kills self

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A law student ended his life after being depressed for months, said the KG Halli police. The deceased has been identified as Rizwan Zaid, 25, a final-year law student of Al Ameen College.

According to the police, he was found hanging on the morning of December 10 at his home. A case has been registered with the KG Halli police station.

"He has left no suicide note. After investigating, we have closed the case. His parents also said that he was depressed over some personal issue for months," the police told BM.

Hospital employee allegedly steals Rs 19 L

A case has been filed against an employee of a hospital for allegedly stealing Rs 19 lakh in cash from the hospital's locker. Based on the complaint filed by Dr Jaibabu, a doctor at the CG Clinic in Karthik Nagar, Doddanekundi, the police have registered a case against John, the receptionist.

On January 9, Jai Babu found that Rs 19 lakh had been stolen from the locker. In the preliminary investigation, it was found that John had not come to work for a few days. The police said that they were taking measures to arrest him.

Hospital, doc accused of negligence

The family of a 25-year-old youth has filed a complaint against the management of a Dasarahalli hospital after the youth died in surgery.

The deceased, Satish, fell when he was drunk on Sunday, and a glass pierced his hand and he started to bleed profusely. The doctor said that he should undergo surgery but after the operation, Satish died on January 10 in the afternoon. His family has filed a complaint at KP Agrahara Police Station accusing the hospital and doctor of negligence.

Chain-snatcher arrested

An employee of an app-based cab aggregator involved in chain-snatching has been arrested, said P Krishnakant, DCP South. The accused was arrested by JP Nagar police within four days of the incident. He is a BCA graduate who also runs a hotel in Mandya.

The police have seized an Activa scooter and 436 gram of gold worth Rs 2.15 lakh.

Road work that never stops

Vicious cycle of road digging haunting Hoysala Nagar locals since 2017

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The condition of the road in Hoysala Nagar has been terrible for many years now. Frequent road digging by various authorities has contributed to its current state. Residents in the area are not even able to commute on the stretch, and in spite of the repeated complaints to authorities concerned, their pleas have gone unnoticed.

They alleged that there has been frequent road digging work in the area since 2017. They also said that while the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) attempts to fix the dug up roads, various other authorities like Bangalore water supply sewerage board (BWSSB) and Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) dig them up again for the laying of drainage lines and underground cables, respectively.

The residents have also made several complaints on the Namma Bengaluru website about civic issues troubling them, but their grievances are yet to be resolved. "Since 2017, we are facing the problems that arise from digging up roads frequently. Residents do not have basic amenities such as good roads to commute on.

There is great risk that is posed by such roads. People can easily get into accidents. Every now and then, different authorities come and start to dig up stretches. Citizens even protested long back to stop the digging of roads here. We only got assurances that no repeated digging will take place, but it is still going on," said Sivaraman Hariharan, a resident of the area

He further said that the KR Puram constituency has been spending crores of rupees in the name of road development, but the roads are in deplorable conditions. When residents complain in the ward committee meetings, engineers start blaming each other and say that it does not fall under their division, he added. "The real problem is not solved. Pits are left open and people can fall quite easily," he told Bangalore Mirror. Locals told BM that on January 9, a ward committee meeting was supposed to be held, but it was reportedly cancelled by BBMP officers.

"The ward committee meetings are held for talking about the ward's issues. However, here the meetings itself get cancelled. We are very frustrated about staying in this locality now," said another resident .

This is the state of the road in Hoysala Nagar; people have reportedly complained to the authorities several times, but it has been in vain

> "People can easily get into accidents. Every now and then, different authorities come and start to dig up the stretches
>
> – Sivaraman Hariharan, resident of Hoysala Nagar

Commuting chaos on half-done road

Road from Cyber Crime Police Station to City Market partially laid out

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Commuters are upset over the partial laying of the road from Cyber Crime Police Station to City Market in Mysore Road.

They say that the road was partially laid out two months ago, and even after repeated requests, the authorities did not complete the work.

Sandeep HS, one of the affected commuters, told Bangalore Mirror, "The road has been like this for months, which is causing a lot of inconvenience for commuters. The uneven road is particularly risky for two-wheelers. A lot of mishaps are already happening on the road. The authorities should not take this lightly."

Darshan Rao, another commuter, asked why an accident always has to take place first before any kind of action is taken. "The authorities should not wait for people to get hurt before they take action. The road is a busy one and should be fixed," he added.

Amit Chohan, also a commuter, said that a lot of accidents have already taken place in the city, because of which travelling by road has become a nightmare. Despite all of that, he expressed surprise over the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) not taking adequate action to fix the stretch on Mysore Road.

Residents in the area also spoke about the various problems they have been facing while commuting through the stretch.

Rishab Kansagra, a regular commuter on the road, said that despite travelling through this place on multiple occasions, he still feels scared because the road is extremely uneven. He said he always reduces the speed of his bike whenever he takes this route in order to avoid any kind of risk.

Vishal Chandra, another commuter, said, "Because of the improper road conditions, people have to go slow, which is why there is often traffic congestion on this road and people have to wait for a long time."

One commuter, Sanjay Patil, told BM that a lot of complaints have been raised against the issue by himself and others as well, but no effort has been made by authorities to fix the condition of the road. A BBMP official said that they were trying to work on the issue and finish it soon.

The road is uneven, which makes it very risky for two-wheeler drivers particularly

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Water flow blocked

Charminar Masjid Road

Water flow has been blocked after cleaning of drains and changing slabs in Charminar Masjid Road.

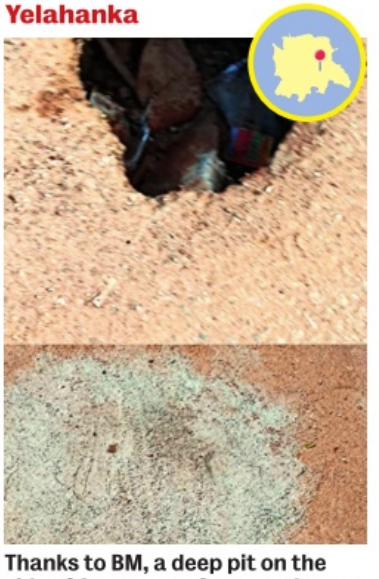
Tree damage

Nandini Layout

Fully grown trees are being felled for development projects and trimmed unnecessarily, like this one in BHEL Tree Park, Nandini Layout.

Happy to help!

Yelahanka



Thanks to BM, a deep pit on the side of Anantapur Gate road near Manito Northlite, Yelahanka has been fixed.

Did you feel really cold on Wednesday? Here's why

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Bengaluru created a new record in 2023. Wednesday's minimum temperature was the lowest in the last four years. The IMD observatory recorded a minimum temperature of 13 degree Celsius (C), making it the coldest morning in four years. Previously, the city had recorded a low of 12.4 degree C on January 2, 2019.

Meanwhile, many other parts of Karnataka recorded chilly conditions. IMD officials said that dry weather prevailed over the state. Bagalkot recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 6 degree C in the plains. Cold wave conditions are likely to prevail in Bidar, Bagalkot, and Vijayapura districts of north-interior Karnataka over the next 24 hours. The minimum temperature is likely to be below normal by 6 to 7 degree C in isolated places over north-interior Karnataka, and by 3 to 4 degree C in isolated places over the state during next 24 hours.

For the next 48 days, Bengaluru will see a mainly clear sky with shallow to moderate fog/mist likely during early morning hours in some areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 28 and 13 degree C, respectively. The IMD, on Wednesday, predicted cold wave conditions after January 14 for the central and northern parts of the country.

There has been no cold wave forecast for Bengaluru

A Prasad, IMD, said, "A yellow alert has been issued for Bidar, Bagalkot, and Vijapura districts for cold wave. There is no cold alert issued for Bengaluru city or Bengaluru rural districts. "

Weather experts said that daytime temperature will go up slightly from next week. February is a month known for extreme temperatures. "We still consider February as a cold month because night time is 16 minutes more than the day. The official transition for us would be on March 11 when the day and night time would be equally divided into 12 hours. Rapid urbanisation, increase in population, and axing of trees has turned Bengaluru into a concrete jungle. We can expect only the heat to increase and not cold to subside. We expect temperatures to rise as we step into the next months," said an expert.

The weathermen said that temperatures may increase in the absence of pre-monsoon showers. It is widely believed that once Sankranti (January 14/15) is over, the cold season bids farewell, and once Shivaratri comes (February 18), the temperature starts to rise.

BBMP unveils greener waste disposal plans

Civic body puts multiple waste-to-CNG, biogas plants in pipeline

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), in its bid to solve Bengaluru's garbage woes, has put multiple waste-to-CNG and biogas plants in the pipeline. The civic body will establish five waste-to-CNG plants of five-ton capacity each, two waste-to-biogas plants of five-ton capacity each, and two waste-to-CNG plants of 50 and 500-ton capacities.

These plants will be established in addition to the upcoming compressed biogas plant to be set up by GAIL Gas Limited.

These plants are expected to ensure scientific and environment-friendly disposal of waste. Currently, the civic body generates around 5,000 tonnes of waste daily. However, less than 50 per cent of it is being processed.

According to the officials, the tender for the second waste-to-CNG plant with a capacity of 500 tonnes per day will be floated soon.

"We will soon go for the tender process for the second plant of 500 tonnes capacity. The 50 tonne capacity waste-to-CNG plant at Yelahanka will also be tendered soon after. As far as the seven plants of five tonnes capacity each are concerned, they have already been tendered and work orders will be issued soon. Since some of these projects cost more than Rs 100 crore, they have to be vetted by many government agencies before they reach the tender stage," said a senior BBMP official.

BBMP's waste-to-energy initiatives have not been a success earlier

The civic body had announced the establishment of six waste-to-energy units in and around the city in 2022. While a 14.5 MW plant in Kannahalli was expected to process 1,000 MT of mixed waste per day, a 2 MW unit in Doddabidarakallu was scheduled to convert 100 MT of mixed waste into energy every day.

BBMP had also proposed to partner with Firmgreen Enterprises and NEG to establish two different plants at Mavallipura to process 1,600 MT of mixed waste. While the former was expected to process 1,000 MT alone to produce compressed natural gas (CNG), the other 9 MW plant was proposed to concoct 600 MT of waste to energy. Two more waste-to-energy units were expected to come up in Seegehalli and Linganahalli. However, none of these initiatives could take off.

> **"Since some of these projects cost more than Rs 10 crore, they have to be vetted by many government agencies before they reach the tender stage** – BBMP official

According to the officials, the concept of generating energy from waste using conventional technology is an idea difficult to sell.

"Our waste-to-energy initiatives have failed miserably in the last five years. Even after getting investors, many contractors sold the plants to other investors and moved out of the contract. Moreover, waste-to-energy plants also faced resistance from activists. So, we have now decided to expand our waste to CNG plants. This was not an economically viable option earlier but the situation has improved now," said Harish Kumar, special commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP.

Bodybuilder found dead

A young bodybuilder was found hanging on Tuesday. The victim has been identified as Srinath, who was studying D Pharma in a private college.

The sudden death of the boy, who was participating in bodybuilding competitions while studying, has come as a shock to his parents.

According to the police, the deceased is a resident of Kolar district. His parents expressed doubts over the cause of their son's death and demanded that an investigation be conducted. A case has been registered in Avalahalli Police Station, but the exact cause of his death is not known yet.

Case against pervert

A Jayanagar college has filed a complaint against a boy for allegedly entering the women's washroom in the college. The incident took place on January 10 around 8 am.

According to the police, a student went inside the toilet and at that time, the accused entered the same toilet. Later, he misbehaved with the student. When the student started screaming, he panicked, locked the student in the toilet, and ran away. The incident created anxiety among the college students and they held a protest on Wednesday against the same.

The Jayanagar police have registered a case and are investigating the matter.

NTA relaxes JEE eligibility criteria

...but does this solve problems of aspirants?

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After backlash from Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) aspirants and activists all over social media, the National Testing Agency (NTA) has relaxed the JEE Main 2023 eligibility criteria.

Earlier, only students who had scored 75 per cent in their respective board examinations were to be considered eligible for admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs). However, after the revision, the top 20 percentile students in each board will now be eligible for admission in IITs and NITs, even if their score is below 75 per cent in the class 12 board exams.

For SC/ST candidates, the qualifying score is 65 per cent in class 12. The decision has come after persistent pleas from students to defer the exam and relax the eligibility criteria for admissions in IITs and NITs. A public interest litigation (PIL) was also filed in the Bombay High Court by activist and advocate Anubha Sahai for the same.

"There are some students who have scored less than 75 per cent and do not fall in the category of top 20 percentile, but now they have taken a drop," she said. Phase one of the JEE-Mains 2023 exam is scheduled to be conducted by the NTA from January 24 to 31 across India.

"We had also suggested that the January attempt be shifted to April and the April attempt be shifted to May since CBSE boards dates are clashing. However, the court said that the CBSE schools will manage on their own. If the dates are deferred there will be just one month gap between the April and May attempt, so students will suffer," she added.

The activist is mulling submitting an interim application in the Bombay High Court for an additional attempt for the students this year. The 75 per cent criteria had been removed temporarily during covid. However, many students who let go of NITs and other colleges in order to get into IITs have now been rendered ineligible due to its reintroduction. "The exam has been scheduled right before our boards. The syllabus is very different," said Ananda, a class 12 student from Bengaluru.

Do you need a 4th jab?

After receiving booster dose of Covishield antibody levels persist even after one year, no need for fourth dose of vaccine, says study

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The study emphasises that those who have not taken their third booster dose should take it

With the rise in covid 19 cases in other countries, especially the threat of new variants of BF 7 and XBB variant of Omicron virus in certain parts of the world, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences carried out a study to assess the immune status of 350 health care workers (HCWs) in the hospital and the requirement of fourth booster dose.

According to Dr CN Manjunath, director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, it is imperative to assess the preparedness in terms of healthcare resources, manpower and infrastructure, and understand the dynamics of immunity in the community so that public health policies can be tailored to suit our population.

"Many HCWs and citizens were repeatedly asking whether they should take the second booster or the fourth dose of vaccine. In this background, we undertook a study to assess the immune status of 350 HCWs which included doctors, nurses, technicians, ward helpers and other office staff, who have received booster doses of Covishield vaccine in the month of January 2022," he said.

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The study was conducted by Dr Naveena, HOD, Microbiology; Dr Nandini, Dr Kavitha, assistant professors, and Prapulla Kumari, tutor.

The study showcased that all the 350 HCWs showed good presence of neutralising antibodies by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) method.

"There were 148 males (42%) and 202 females (58%) in the age group between 19-60 years. Over 99.4% of the study group showed adequate presence of neutralising antibodies indicating persistent antibody levels even at the end of 12 months following booster dose," he added.

A neutralising antibody (NAb) is responsible for defending cells from pathogens, which are organisms that cause disease. They are produced naturally by the body as part of its immune response, and their production is triggered by both infections and vaccinations against infections.

"Even after one year, the antibody levels were persisting which is a good indication. This study supports the fact that there is no need for a fourth dose of vaccine. It also further emphasises that those who have not taken booster doses should take it," he explained.

While most of the people are still due to get their first booster shot. The covid 19 booster dose is an add on dose which will provide protection provided by original shots. However, many citizens have not come forward to get their booster shots yet.

Some countries like Chile, Israel, Thailand, Singapore, Denmark, UK, Germany, and France have already offered fourth dose of covid vaccines to their citizens. However, India has still not initiated the fourth booster dose.

Congress promises free electricity before polls

The Congress on Wednesday announced to provide every household in Karnataka, 200 units of free electricity every month if it comes to power in the forthcoming assembly polls in the state later this year.

The party has named the promise 'Gruha Jyothi Yojana'.

"With the rising prices of essential commodities and the issue of unemployment, it is imperative that Karnataka deserves a government that thinks about public welfare and well-being," said the party in a statement.

To help Kannadigas fight the onslaught of price rise and save up for essentials such as food, education for children, and healthcare, the Indian National Congress government in Karnataka will provide 200 units of electricity, free of cost, to every household in Karnataka, the statement added. **ANI**

Statue unveiling at Nandi Hills: HC orders status quo

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday ordered status quo on the unveiling of Adiyogi statue and the opening of Isha Yoga Centre at the foothill of the Nandi Hills.

Issuing notices to the state, the yoga centre, and 14 other respondents, the court issued the interim order of stay.

The statue was scheduled to be inaugurated by Sadguru's Isha Foundation on January 15.

The public interest litigation (PIL) alleged that a commercial enterprise was being set up in an ecologically fragile environment and that the government has illegally allotted land for the purpose.

The PIL was filed by Kyathappa S and other villagers. **PTI**

Rivers of no return: CPCB pollution report

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is entering the river and carbon content is higher. It is the municipalities that are responsible to ensure that no untreated sewage enters the river. Households and industries operating in the area have been discharging sewage into the river. They have no right to pollute the waterbodies which are lifelines of the society," said Dr TV Ramachandra at the centre for ecological sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

According to Dr Ramachandra, apart from ensuring that untreated sewage does not enter waterbodies, attention must be paid to riparian vegetation.

"Having good riparian vegetation is one of the best remedial measures to reduce water pollution. Vegetation can uptake nutrients and heavy metals to a large extent. Good riparian vegetation along the river course will ensure that pollutants getting into the waterbody from surface runoff is filtered," he added.

17 polluted rivers in Karnataka

Amongst the number of polluted river stretches in Karnataka, three are under priority class I; overall, with 17 polluted river stretches, Karnataka has grabbed fifth position in the country after Maharashtra (55), followed by Madhya Pradesh (19), Bihar (18) and Kerala (18). While there were no polluted stretches under priority class I in 2018 in Karnataka, this number went up to three in 2022.

The CPCB report has taken into account the water quality of as many as 30 rivers at 107 locations in the state during 2019 and 2021. Out of these, 41 locations on 17 rivers were found non-complying with the prescribed water quality criteria corresponding to BOD.

The rivers include Aghanashini, Arkavathi, Bhadra, Bhima, Cauvery, Dakshina Pinakini, Gangavali, Kabini, Kagina, Krishna, Lakshmantirtha, Netravathi, Sharavathi, Shimsha, Thenpennai, Tunga, Tungabhadra. The water quality monitoring was done by collecting and analysing water samples for physico-chemical, bacteriological, metal and pesticide parameters every month as per the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

According to ecologists and researchers, the number of monitoring stations used by the CPCB to analyse water quality is not adequate to paint a clear picture of river water pollution.

"The number of monitoring stations is very limited considering the spatial extent of the waterbodies. For instance, while the Vrishabhavathi is highly polluted, it is not even featured in the list. Moreover, the parameter list to analyse the water quality is not exhaustive either," said a city-based river ecology expert.

While the number of highly polluted stretches has gone up, no change has been observed in the number of total polluted river stretches in the state.

India scenario

The report assessed the water quality of 603 rivers across India: there are 311 polluted stretches in 279 rivers across 30 states and union territories in the country. The number of polluted river stretches has decreased from 351 in 2018 to 311 in 2022. Further, a marked improvement in previously identified 180 polluted river stretches has been observed.

As per the report, while 70% of rivers monitored (275 out of 390) in 2015 were identified as polluted, in 2022, only 46% of rivers monitored (279 out of 603) were identified as polluted.

The current monitoring network of CPCB has 4,484 locations in 28 states and 7 union territories. The monitoring network covers 2,108 locations along rivers, 713 at stagnant waterbodies (lakes, ponds and tanks), 64 at creeks, 1,235 at wells and 364 at other waterbodies such as drains, canals and sewage treatment plants.

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SAY CHEESE

Research suggests cheese might be healthier than you believed

> Cheese is packed with protein, calcium and phosphorus; and both raw and pasteurised cheeses contain good bacteria that is good for human gut microbiota

Cheese, which is rich and creamy, tastes delicious on a cracker, with fresh fruit, or sprinkled on top of a bowl of chilli. However, when people talk about their fondness for cheese, it's often in a guilty way, as in, "Cheese is my weakness."

"Cheese is packed with nutrients like protein, calcium and phosphorus, and can serve a healthy purpose in the diet," said Lisa Young, an adjunct professor of nutrition at New York University, according to The Washington Post.

As per the outlet, research shows that even full-fat cheese won't necessarily make you gain weight or give you a heart attack. It seems that cheese doesn't raise or reduce your risk for chronic diseases, such as heart disease and Type 2 diabetes, and some studies show it might even be protective.

Good bacteria, lower saturated fat risks

It's easy to see why people might feel conflicted about cheese. For years, the US dietary guidelines have said eating low-fat dairy is best because whole-milk products, such as full-fat cheese, have saturated fat, which can raise LDL (bad) cholesterol levels, a known risk for heart disease. Cheese has also been blamed for weight gain and digestive issues such as bloating. It turns out, though, that cheese may have been misunderstood.

Yes, it's high in calories: Some types have 100 calories or more per ounce. And it's rich in saturated fat. So why is it okay for most people to eat it? "Cheese is more than its saturated fat content," said Emma Feeney, an assistant professor at the Institute of Food and Health at University College Dublin who studies the effect cheese has on health.

Old-school thinking on nutrition has been focused on individual nutrients -- such as fats or protein -- that either promote or prevent disease. It's not clear that this is the wrong approach, but nutrition experts are now putting more emphasis on the entire food and how its structure, nutrients, enzymes and other components interact with one another.

When milk is transformed into cheese, the process changes the way the nutrients and other components in it are chemically arranged. This has an effect on how it's digested and processed by the body, which can lead to health effects that are different from the effects of eating the same nutrients in another form, such as butter.

In 2018, Feeney led a six-week clinical trial in which 164 people each ate an equal amount of dairy fat either in the form of butter or cheese and then switched partway through the study. "We found that the saturated fat in cheese did not raise LDL cholesterol levels to the same degree as butter did," she said.

Experts have varying theories about why the saturated fat in cheese is less harmful. "Some studies show the mineral content in cheese, particularly calcium, may bind with fatty acids in the intestine and flush them out of the body," Feeney said. Other studies suggest that fatty acids called sphingolipids in cheese may increase the activity of genes that help with the body's breakdown of cholesterol. When cheese is made, it gains some beneficial compounds, too. "Vitamin K can form during the fermentation process," said Sarah Booth, director of the Vitamin K Laboratory at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University. The vitamin is important for blood clotting, and bone and blood vessel health.

And as a fermented food, "both raw and pasteurised cheeses contain good bacteria that can be beneficial to human gut microbiota," says Adam Brock, vice president of food safety, quality and regulatory compliance for Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. This good bacteria, found mostly in aged cheeses such as cheddar and Gouda, help break down food, synthesise vitamins, prevent bacteria that cause illness from getting a foothold, and bolster immunity.

Weight gain, lactose misunderstandings

Cheese also seems to reduce the risk of weight gain and several chronic diseases.

Weight gain: Cheese is a concentrated source of calories. But studies suggest that you don't need to skip cheese to keep the scale steady. In one, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers set out to determine which foods were linked to weight gain by following 120,877 men and women in the United States for 20 years, looking at their weight every four years. Cheese wasn't associated with either gain or loss, even for people who increased the amount of it they ate during the study.

One reason cheese may help control weight is that it may reduce appetite more than other dairy products.

Cardiovascular disease: A large meta-analysis of 15 studies published in the European Journal of Nutrition that looked at cheese's effect on cardiovascular disease found that people eating the most (1.5 ounces per day) had a 10 percent lower risk than those who didn't eat any.

Diabetes and hypertension: Cheese and full-fat dairy also seem to be linked to a lower risk of both.

Lactose intolerance: Lactose, a sugar in milk, can be difficult for some people to digest, leading to diarrhoea, bloating and other gastrointestinal symptoms. But the bacteria used to make cheese digests most of the lactose in the milk, says Jamie Png of the American Cheese Society. If you're sensitive to lactose, stick to hard or aged cheese such as cheddar, provolone, Parmesan, blue, Camembert and Gouda, and minimize fresh soft cheese like ricotta and cottage cheese.

How much to eat of it

Even though cheese itself doesn't appear to have negative effects on health, how you incorporate it into your overall diet matters. In much of the research suggesting a neutral or beneficial effect, the highest amount of cheese people ate each day, on average, was about 1.5 ounces, but in some cases it was up to 3 ounces. (An ounce of cheese is about the size of your outstretched thumb.) **ANI**

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SC agrees to hear plea of Google against NCLAT order

#NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear a plea of US tech giant Google against an order of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) refusing an interim stay on the competition regulator imposing a Rs 1,337 crore penalty on it.

A bench comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha took note of the submissions of senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for the US firm, and said that it will list the plea for hearing on Monday.

The senior lawyer said that extraordinary directions have been passed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the order has to be complied by January 19. "There is no finding of abuse of dominance," he said.

The NCLAT, on January 4, had refused an interim stay on an order of the competition regulator imposing a Rs 1,337 crore penalty on Google and had asked it to deposit 10 percent of the amount. The NCLAT admitted the search giant's challenge to the CCI slapping a Rs 1,337.76 crore fine for abusing the dominant position of its Android smartphone operating system in the country. The CCI in October last year had asked Google to allow smartphone users on the Android platform to uninstall apps and let them select a search engine of their choice. -PTI

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Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions for a period of one year from April 2022.

The approved incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (person-to-merchant) in FY 2022-23 has a financial outlay of Rs 2,600 crore.

An official release said that under the scheme, acquiring banks will be provided financial incentive, for promoting Point-of-Sale (PoS) and e-commerce transactions using RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions (P2M) for the current financial year.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her 2022-23 budget speech, announced the government's intent to continue the financial support for digital payments made in the previous Budget, with a focus on promoting use of payment platforms that are economical and user-friendly.

The scheme has been formulated in compliance with the budget announcement, the release said.

In FY2021-22, the government had approved an incentive scheme to give a further boost to digital transactions.

As a result, total digital payments transactions have registered a year-on-year growth of 59 per cent, rising from 5,554 crore in FY2020-21 to 8,840 crore in FY2021-22. BHIM-UPI transactions have registered a year-on-year growth of 106 per cent, rising from 2,233 crore in FY2020-21 to 4,597 crore in FY2021-22.

The release said various stakeholders in the digital payments systems and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) expressed concerns regarding the potential adverse impact of the zero MDR regime on the growth of the digital payments ecosystem.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) requested, among other things, for incentivisation of BHIM-UPI and RuPay Debit Card transactions to create a cost-effective value proposition for ecosystem stakeholders, increase merchant acceptance footprints and faster migration from cash payments to digital payments.

The release said that the Centre is taking various initiatives for the promotion of digital payments across the country.

"Over past years, digital payment transactions have witnessed tremendous growth. During the COVID-19 crisis, digital payments facilitated functioning of businesses, including small merchants, and helped in maintaining social distancing. UPI has achieved a record of 782.9 crore digital payment transactions with a value of Rs 12.82 lakh crore in the month of December 2022," it said.

The release said that the incentive scheme will facilitate building of a robust digital payment ecosystem and promoting RuPay Debit Card and BHIM-UPI digital transactions. -ANI

Non-residents from 10 nations can use UPI

#NEW DELHI

The NPCI has permitted non-residents from 10 countries, including the US, Canada and UAE, to digitally transfer funds using the UPI platform from NRE/NRO accounts.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in a circular said it has been receiving requests for allowing non-residents to use international mobile numbers for transacting in Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

Accordingly, the NPCI in a circular dated January 10 has asked the UPI participants to put in place a mechanism by April 30 under which non-residents having NRE/NRO accounts will be allowed to transfer funds using their international mobile numbers. To start with, this facility will be available to non-residents in 10 countries -- Singapore, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, USA, Saudi Arabia, UAE and the United Kingdom. -PTI

No bail to accused, court calls misconduct on plane repulsive

#NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Wednesday denied bail to Shankar Mishra, accused of urinating on an elderly woman co-passenger on an Air India flight, calling the act "utterly disgusting and repulsive".

Metropolitan Magistrate Komal Garg said the act has shocked the civic consciousness of people and needed to be deprecated.

"The alleged act of accused of relieving himself upon the complainant is utterly disgusting and repulsive. The alleged act in itself is sufficient to outrage the modesty of any woman. Egregious conduct of the accused has shocked the civic consciousness and needs to be deprecated," the judge said.

Accused Shankar Mishra leaves IGI Police Station (file)

The alleged act in itself prima facie reflects the intention of the accused, she said, while declining the relief to Mishra, who is lodged in jail. The judge noted that as per the record, the accused had failed to join the investigation even after a notice was issued to him under section 41A CrPC and his presence could be secured only upon the execution of the non-bailable warrant. "Therefore, the conduct of the accused does not inspire confidence. It has also come on record that accused has tried contacting the victim and the possibility of accused influencing the witnesses cannot be ruled out," the judge noted. Further, as per the report of the investigating officer, other witnesses are yet to be examined and the probe is at a very initial stage, the judge noted.

"Considering the above facts and circumstances, this Court does not deem it appropriate to release the accused on bail at this stage. Accordingly, the present application stands dismissed," the judge said in the order.

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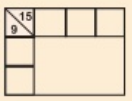
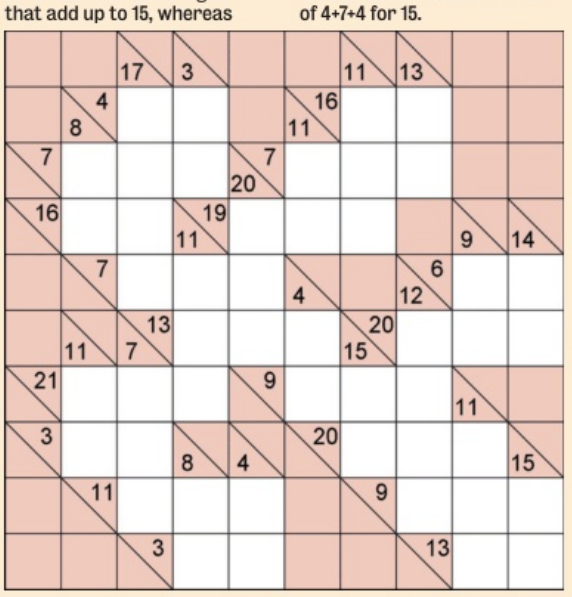
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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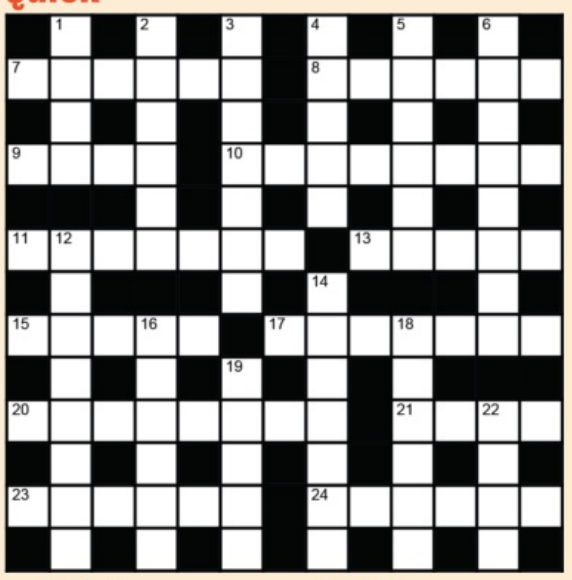


ACROSS

7 Golf club (6)
8 Swiss city (6)
9 The perfect garden (4)
10 Less than half (8)
11 Stunning (7)
13 Begin (5)
15 City in Rajasthan (5)
17 Moved the eyelids up and down (7)
20 Gathering (8)
21 Treats leather (4)
23 Boosted or hoisted (6)
24 Looked after the sick (6)

DOWN

1 Country (4)
2 A printed cotton fabric (6)
3 Appearing to be? (7)
4 Atmospheric gas (5)
5 Moral and social decay? (3-3)
6 Without penalty (4,4)
12 Alternative name for Kempe Gowda bus station (8)
14 __ the devil with : causing severe damage to? (7)
16 Occurrences (6)
18 By ___: innately? (6)
19 A dwelling place (5)
22 Requirement (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS D

JCA TPQ DQGQP ZNPCDM QDCAME NETN JCA HCD'N DQQH EQBV.

Linemaro

I was wondering if you had an extra heart; mine seems to have been stolen

Mindchow

Morals are private, decency is public

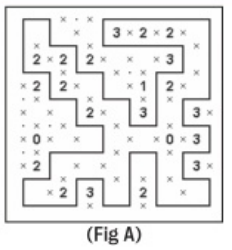
Joke of the day

Dyslexics of the world, untie!

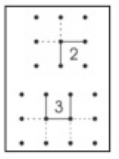
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

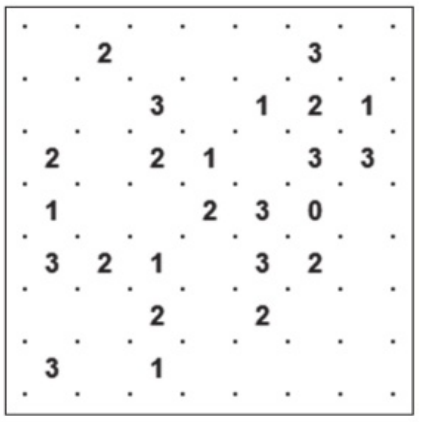


(Fig B) Not Allowed

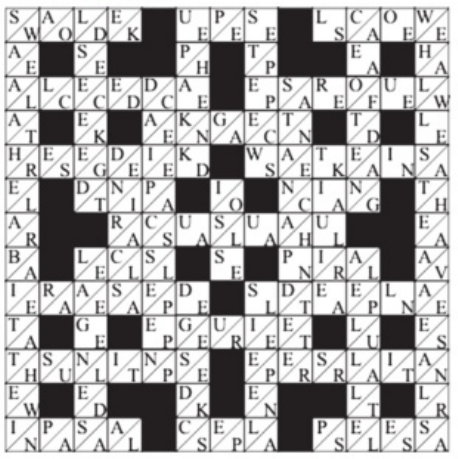
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



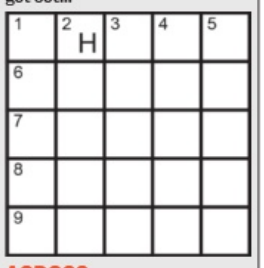
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

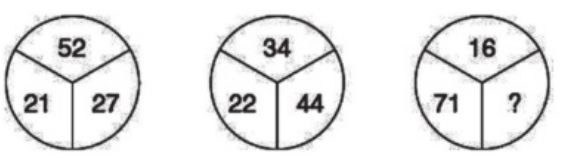
1 Heaps; 6 On Wag;
7 Glad I; 8 Ler me;
9 Up Rod

DOWN

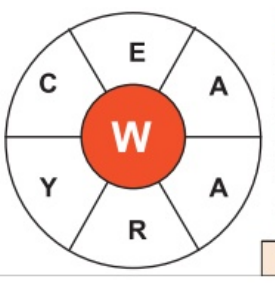
1 Was MP; 2 Lehar;
3 Or gag; 4 Ilo up;
5 Den Ed

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7			6				8
	2					4	1	
1			2		8		5	
				8		5		7
	1		3		4		8	
7		8		2				
	5		9		6			4
	4	1					7	
2				4			9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3

6 7 7 9

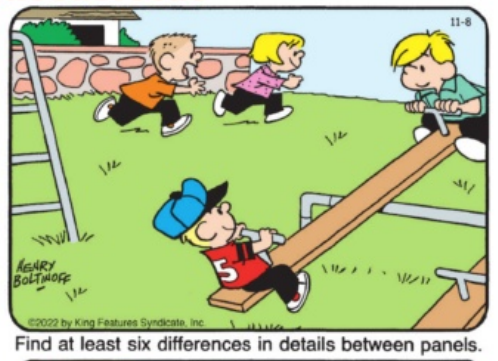
Medium = 25

1 2 4 7

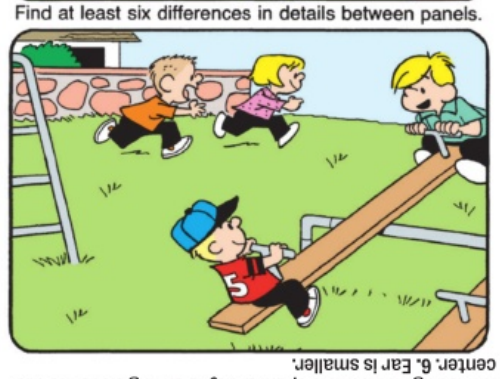
Hard = 9

2 4 4 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



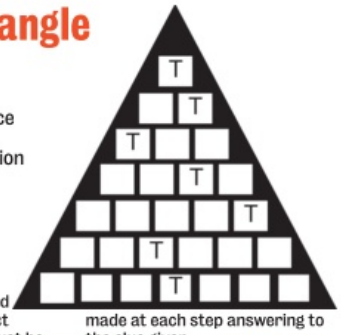
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Cap is different. 3. Bush is missing. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Boy is sitting closer to the center. 6. Ear is smaller.

Riddler

Of two positive numbers, the first is a sixth of the second. If their product is 2,646, what are the two numbers?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Pronoun
3 Bond
4 Use as a reference
5 Expel
6 Energetic; in motion
7 Prisoner



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I CAN'T LOOK! JUST TELL ME!
OKAY, YOU GOT--
WAIT! I WANNA READ IT!
AH! NO, I CAN'T LOOK!!
HEY, CONGRATS ON GETTING ROSIE IN THE PLAY!
DEAN!!
WHAT?! IS THAT NOT A GOOD THING?!

Crankshaft

IF I'M GOING TO USE UP MY BEAN'S END 'BEAN BUCKS' I'D BETTER GET STARTED.
LET'S SEE... WHAT DID I ALREADY PURCHASE FROM BEAN'S END THIS YEAR?
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER IF YOU JUST STARTED WITH WHAT YOU DIDN'T ORDER?
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel your life becomes challenging. You may take advice from your elders to sustain any given situation. You need to keep patience. Your children's education can make you upset. You may need to go for a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you will be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get results for your hard work. It may bring disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investments in assets may also be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high. Lovebirds will share happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with family get-togethers, you may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts, other items which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today happiness will be around you. It can help you to enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you take difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Subordinates and colleagues may support you to complete your work on time. Students may find more focus in studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull. Sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to health issues of your family members. Your expenditure on worthless items may affect your savings. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may take quick decisions, which may give you benefits in the near future. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your partner, you may invest some amount in your business. This may be profitable in the near future. Your understanding with your spouse may be increased, which may result in harmony in your family.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at the office. Do your best to feel less overwhelmed. With the help of elders, job seekers may get a high position in a job. Managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards, which may increase your social status. Professionally, will do better.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be happy and will have good patience, which may reflect into your way of working. You may complete your tasks in an efficient way. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You can make some donations to needy people or to a charity. Lovebirds may develop trust in their relationship. You may be able to control your opponents.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel unhappy or dull. It may affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects that are to be completed. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds will support each other. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of new work.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in partnerships. You may expect some long-distance travel also. You will build faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with your boss. You may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work too. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find new work.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$(n-1)^4 + n^4 + (n-1)^4 = 3(n^2+2)^2 - 10$
So that,
$2^4 + 3^4 + 4^4 + 5^4 + \ldots + 9^4 + 10^4$
$= (2^4 + 3^4 + 4^4) + (5^4 + \ldots + 9^4 + 10^4) =$
$3[(3^2+2)^2+(6^2+2)^2+(9^2+2)^2] - 30 =$
$= 3[(1^2 + 3^2 + 8^2)^2] - 30$
$= 3[121 + 1444 + 6889] - 30$
$= 3[8454] - 30$
$= 25362 - 30 = 25332$

BULL'S EYE
aware, away, awry, craw, crew, RAOEWAY, ware, warY, wear, wearY

FAST FIVE

S	H	A	P	E
A	L	G	I	D
W	A	G	O	N
M	E	R	L	E
P	R	O	U	D

STRIKE OUT

W	A	D	E	U	P	S	S	C	O	W				
E	E	P	P	A	A									
A	C	C	E	D	E	E	A	R	F	U	L			
T	K	E	N	A	C	T	T	L						
H	E	E	D	E	D	S	A	T	A	N	S			
E	D	I	P	O	C	A	N	H						
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QUICK

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RIDDLER 21 and 126

QUOTE UNCODE
You are never strong enough that you don't need help.

MENSA PUZZLE
13: the numbers in each circle total 100.

SUDOKU

5	7	9	4	6	1	2	3	8
8	2	3	5	9	7	4	1	6
1	6	4	2	3	8	7	5	9
4	3	2	1	8	9	5	6	7
6	1	5	3	7	4	9	8	2
7	9	8	6	2	5	3	4	1
3	5	7	9	1	6	8	2	4
9	4	1	8	5	2	6	7	3
2	8	6	7	4	3	1	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, It, Tie, Cite, Evict, Active, Captive.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 − 6 + 9 − 7 = 3
Medium
4 x 7 − 2 − 1 = 25
Hard
3 − 2 + 4 + 4 = 9

LOOP

KAKURO

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Red carpet beauties

Some of the most stunning arrivals at Golden Globe

We pick a few of the best looks as the Golden Globe awards returned after a string of controversies.

Margot Robbie

Actress Margot Robbie made heads turn on the red carpet of Golden Globe 2023.

Robbie made an elegant entry in a custom baby pink gown by Chanel. The halter-neck dress featured sheer diagonal stripes throughout, a sleek built-in belt, a tulle skirt, and a silver star embellishment at the neck.

Her look left fans in awe.

"She is looking so beautiful," a social media user commented.

"How adorable," another one wrote.

Andrew Garfield

And yes he is here... Hollywood Hunk Andrew Garfield is all in for Golden Globes. Following his arrival in a simple yet stylish Mustard hued tuxedo on the red carpet, the 39-year-old left no stone unturned for this gala event.

Andrew Garfield has had four Golden Globe nominations in as many categories during the course of a dozen years. He is presently competing for Best TV Movie/Limited Series Actor as the lead of Hulu's 'Under the Banner of Heaven' right after winning the 2022 Best Film Comedy/ Musical Actor award for 'Tick, Tick... BOOM!'

Billy Porter

Actor Billy Porter, famed for experimenting with red carpet style and gravitating toward gender-fluid looks, did not leave a chance to ace the fashion game at the Golden Globe 2023 red carpet.

Billy arrived at the Golden Globe ceremony in a super plush velvet magenta tuxedo dress designed by Christian Siriano. He paired it with sparkly platforms. No wonder why he is called a "Red carpet legend."

Ana de Armas

Actor Ana de Armas, who is among the presenters and nominees for the 2023 Golden Globe Awards, arrived at the ceremony's Red Carpet event looking stunning in a sleeveless black dress.

Armas' dress had an intricate silver stud design running down the front. The actor also had her long hair down and added silver earrings along with a matching bracelet.

—AGENCIES

India fetes 'RRR' Golden Globes win

India celebrated a rare Hollywood triumph Wednesday after movie "RRR" won a Golden Globe for best song, seeing off competition from superstars Taylor Swift and Rihanna.

The winning song-and-dance sequence in "RRR" was shot outside Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's official residence in 2021 -- before Russia's invasion -- according to director SS Rajamouli.

The critically acclaimed Rajamouli, who has produced some of India's biggest blockbusters in the last few years, said that it was a "special" award.

"SPEECHLESS Music truly knows no boundaries. I thank each and every fan across the globe for shaking their leg and making it popular ever since the release," tweeted Rajamouli.

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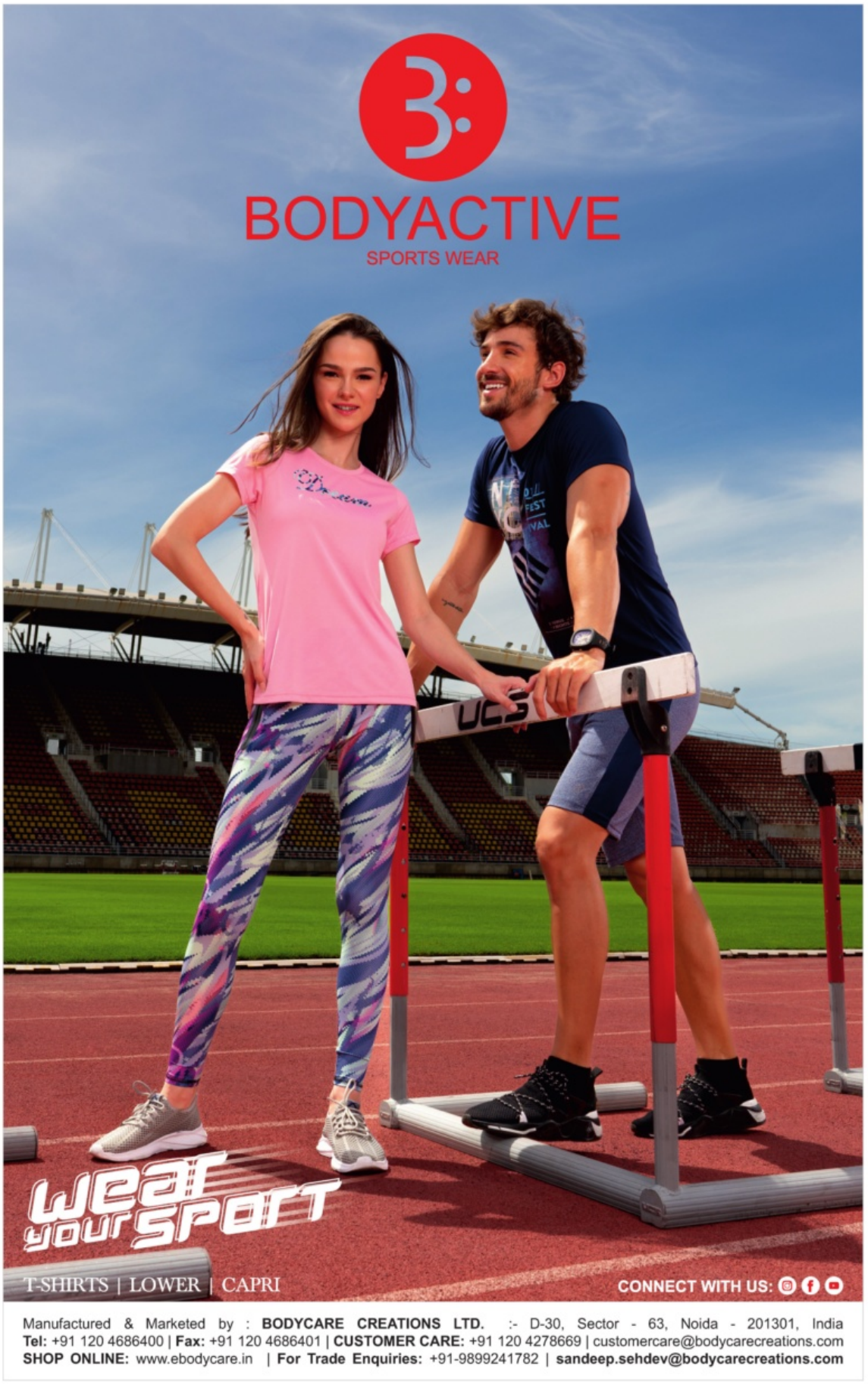
Spirited film

Debutante Vishalajay is excited about not only having directed Suraari, but also playing a double role lead in the film. The film captures the progress of a obese person gradually attaining a six-pack in 100 days. The shooting of this movie was held for 100 days.

"I think my movie Suraari is the first to shoot the physical transformation of a fat person. It has been shot at all important places across the state," said Vishalajay. He said Suraari is a fitness conscious de-addiction-oriented comical crime suspense thriller. "Sura means liquor and a person who consumes sura is called a Suraari. Some of the scenes of this movie represent drunkards. The movie conveys a message to society on the ill-effects of alcohol," he said.

The debutante director said that discussions are on about dubbing this movie in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi. Archana Singh is paired opposite Vishalajay.



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